

Hema language

Hema is a Bantu language and one of three languages spoken by the Hema people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Hema is sometimes called *Southern Hema* in contrast to the unrelated language Lendu, also known as *Northern Hema*.

The ethnically Hema dialect of Nyankore, called *Hima*, is related but distinct.

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Hema	
<i>Ruhema</i>	
Native to	Democratic Republic of the Congo
Ethnicity	Hema
Native speakers	130,000 (2000) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Niger–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Volta-Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Benue–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Southern Bantoid<ul style="list-style-type: none">Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northeast Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Great Lakes Bantu<ul style="list-style-type: none">Nyoro-Ganda<ul style="list-style-type: none">Hema</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	nix
Glottolog	hema1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/hema1238) ^[2]
Guthrie code	JE.121 ^[3]

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